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The Honorable Catherine C. Blake
United State District Court
U.S. Courthouse
101 West Lombard Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

RE: *Watkins, et al. v. Casiano, et al.*
Civil No. CCB-07-2419

Dear Judge Blake:

Defendants are in agreement with the contents of Plaintiffs' status report of August 15, 2008.

Defendants anticipate that their case-in-chief will take no more than two trial days. Defendants will not consent to a Magistrate Judge conducting further proceedings in this case, including the trial.

Very truly yours,

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